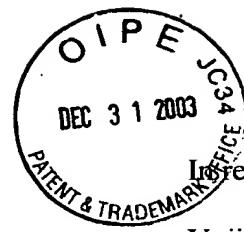


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 14, 2003 to January 14, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$950.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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